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Via Email and Hand Delivery

Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. DW 17-165, Abenaki Water Company, Inc.

Surcharge for Recoupment and Rate Case Expenses

Request for Time to Respond

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 15, 2019, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff circulated its recommendation in the above-captioned proceeding regarding the recoupment of the differential between temporary and permanent rates and the recovery of rate case expenses. Among other things, Staff noted the following procedure:

Before filing this letter with the Commission, Staff inquired of Abenaki and the OCA of their respective positions regarding Staff's recommendations. Abenaki stated that it would be filing a subsequent response to Staff's recommendations with the Commission. Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission hold the record open until filing of that response. The OCA indicated no response to Staff's recommendations.

Staff did not seek Omni's position regarding its recommendation nor does it appear to contemplate responses by Omni Mount Washington, LLC or other parties to the above-captioned proceeding. Omni is reviewing Staff's recommendation, as well as the response filed by Abenaki, and asks that the Commission continue to hold the record open, at least until September 9, 2019, so that Omni may file a response.

An original and six copies of this request will be hand-delivered to the Commission.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Getz

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